

Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--A singling device and a singling method for singling sheet metal panels comprises two tendering positions arranged one after the other in the longitudinal direction to offer a respective sheet metal panel stack, said two tendering positions being provided with a lifting means able to be reciprocated in the longitudinal direction and for feeding the sheet metal panels in the longitudinal direction to a working site. A longitudinal conveying means is arranged between the two tendering positions, which is able to be moved in the longitudinal direction, and which terminates in a first longitudinal position moved toward the working site on the one hand in the vicinity of the first tendering position remote from the working site and on the one hand bridges over the second tendering position so that the lifting means feeds the sheet metal panels lifted from the first sheet metal panel stack onto the longitudinal conveying means which in a second longitudinal position moved away from the working site frees the second tendering position.

| Figure 1--

Attachment: Replacement Abstract



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REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

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